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MR. LEWIS: I'm Tedford Lewis. I live about 500 feet from the railroad track that will be carrying nuclear waste and there's a gully in between, so here's the railroad track and here's our house and, as the crow flies, the dust goes. I'm rather surprised that we don't have a lot of cartoonists here today. The amount of wry and black humor that has come out during this gathering is just amazing. We're looking at a program that says 100 years, 10,000 years. I'm wondering if these figures are created by the people who think that the world was created 4004 B.C. about 6,000 years ago. The world has been around a lot longer than 6,000 years and these problems are going to be around a lot longer than 6,000 years.

Apparently \$16 billion, according to our representative of AmerenUE, has been accumulated from the one mill per kilowatt hour generated by nuclear plants. \$16 billion, does that begin to cover the cost or is the rest of the money going to be put on to citizens through taxation. Would it not be wiser simply to keep the problems where they are created and not ship them across the country? Here we are representatives of the part of -- what shall we call it -- creation that was blessed with the opposing thumb which gave us considerably more power than the rest of society around us. I'm referring to society as the world eco system in total. Here we are people who arrogate ourselves by thinking that we are created in God's image. I can't quite believe that.

What right do we have to spread our waste over the entire eco system of this world; the birds, the insect life, the animals on the earth, all of God's creation? Do we have this right? Let's keep our wastes at home. Thank you.